

ORDINANCE
NO. 1245

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to prohibition of
2 gambling, repealing Ordinance 928 and
3 declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

5 SECTION 1. Definitions. "Contest of chance" means any contest,
6 game, gaming scheme or gambling device in which the outcome depends
7 in a material degree upon an element of chance, notwithstanding that
8 skill of the contestants may also be a factor therein.

9 "Gambling". A person engages in gambling if he stakes or risks
10 something of value upon the outcome of a contest of chance or a
11 future contingent event not under his control or influence, upon an
12 agreement or understanding that he or someone else will receive
13 something of value in the event of a certain outcome. Gambling
14 does not include parimutuel betting as authorized by chapter 67.16
15 RCW, bona fide business transactions valid under the law of contracts
16 including, but not limited to, contracts for the purchase or sale at
17 a future date of securities or commodities, and agreements to
18 compensate for loss caused by the happening of chance, including,
19 but not limited to, contracts of indemnity or guarantee and life,
20 health or accident insurance.

21 SECTION 2. Gambling Prohibited: It shall be unlawful for any
22 person, corporation, partnership or association of persons to engage
23 in gambling or to knowingly cause, aid, abet or conspire with
24 another to engage in gambling.

25 SECTION 3. Penalty. Any violation of this ordinance is a
26 misdemeanor and punishable upon conviction, by a fine not exceeding
27 two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) or by confinement in the county
28 jail for a period of not exceeding ninety (90) days or both.

29 SECTION 4. Ordinance 928 is hereby repealed.
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1 SECTION 5. Emergency. The County Council finds as a fact and
2 declares that an emergency exists and that this ordinance is
3 necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health or
4 safety or for the support of county government and its existing
5 institutions.

6 PASSED by the Council at a regular meeting thereof on the
7 30th day of May, 1972.

8 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
9 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

10 Procy J. Owens
11 Chairmen

12 ATTEST:

13 John E. Sommer

14 ~~Dep.~~ Administrator-Clerk of the Council

15 APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 1972.

16 DEEMED ENACTED WITHOUT
17 COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S SIGNATURE

18 DATED: May 30, 1972
19 King County Executive